Mr. President: To answer that question, will take a long time. There are eleven provinces in India.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Member is aware of the practice prevailing in Travancore regarding medical inspection.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Not fully.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know the year in which the bifurcation was effected.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* In 1108.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know how the report of the medical inspection staff comes under the administration report of the Medical Department.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I said that the bifurcation of the Public Health Department from the Medical Department took place in 1108.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Should not the report on the medical inspection staff be incorporated into the report on the Public Health Department.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* That was only bifurcated this year.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know whether any benefit is derived by the students on account of this inspection.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Certainly. The importance of this matter is so great that the Government of India have appointed a very big committee in Delhi to go into the matter. Recent examination showed a tremendous amount of illness which might have been averted if they had been examined in their school days and they emphasise the importance of this more and more.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Is there any difference in pay between the Medical Inspector and the Assistant Surgeon.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Madical Officer):* No difference.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In the light of the correction that has now been made by the Hon'ble Member for Medicine may I take it that the answer to (f) is in the affirmative.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Medical Inspection is going on in various parts of India with greater vigour.

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* How many doctors are there?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Three.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the medical inspection in the Madras Presidency has been abolished?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I have written to the Government of Madras. I have not so far received any reply. But on enquiring locally I found in certain areas on account of paucity of hands it has been temporarily suspended.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to note that there are many in this House who do not want to abolish this system.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME—TRICHUR

41. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state whether in the time of the previous Diwan, there was any town improvement scheme for Trichur and the work thereunder completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There was no definite scheme of Town Improvement for Trichur during the time of the previous Diwan. The Municipality was however, considering the question of surfacing the main roads with concrete, but it was subsequently dropped for want of funds and due to war conditions.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether there was any scheme in regard to the improvement of Thekkinkad Maidan?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It was not a scheme for improvement. It was just an improvement work. It was completed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I want to place before the Hon'ble Chair that the whole of the back-page of the question book is left vacant and on the front page as much as two-third is covered by figures which could be printed on one-third of the page. Sir, I refer to the waste of paper in these hard days.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Women-Ernakulam):* I beg to bring to the notice of the Chair that a few more questions could have been printed on the back page.

Mr. President: I inquired about this and I am told that 15 questions will be answered from tomorrow.

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